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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

AGENDA

(5:30 PM – 6:00 PM)

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of January 26, 2005***
- III. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - *3 Minutes Each Speaker***
- V. ACTION ITEM *(6:00 PM – 6:15 PM)***
 - A. DRAFT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MULTI-AGENCY SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CONDUCT A BEFORE AND AFTER STUDY OF TWENTY SCHOOLS THAT ARE SLATED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL TRAFFIC FLASHING LIGHTS (TO INCLUDE THOSE LOCATED ON TWO-LANE ROADS, FOUR-LANE ROADS, AND ROADS WITH SPEED LIMITS OF 35 MPH OR GREATER) TO DETERMINE WHAT EFFECT SCHOOL FLASHERS HAVE ON DRIVERS WITHIN SCHOOL SPEED ZONES**
- VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. FY 2006 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY *(6:15 PM – 6:25 PM) – Oscar Camejo, MPO Staff***
 - B. CTAC ANNUAL REPORT AND WORKING LIST PRIORITIZATION *(6:25 PM – 6:30 PM) – Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat***
 - C. MIAMI STREETCAR PROJECT STATUS UPDATE AND PRESENTATION *(6:30 PM – 7:15 PM) - Lilia I. Medina, City of Miami Project Manager/Assistant Transportation Coordinator, and HDR Engineering, Inc.***
- VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE *(7:15 PM – 7:30 PM)***
- VIII. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION *(7:30 PM – 7:45 PM)***
- IX. NEW BUSINESS *(7:45 PM – 8:00 PM)***
- X. ADJOURNMENT - 8:00 PM**

MPO Committee Meeting Dates:

CTAC Subcommittee	3/09/05
CTAC Full Committee	3/23/05
MPO Governing Board	3/17/05
TPC	3/07/05
TPTAC	No Meeting
BPAC	3/23/05
TARC	3/02/05

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COMMISSION CHAMBERS

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Mike Hatcher, Chair
Norman Wartman, First Vice-Chair
Naomi Wright, Second Vice-Chair
Rolando Acosta
Andrew Burgess
Wendy Carr
Ken Carsto
Joseph Corradino
Willie Duckworth
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Martin Nash
Emma Pringle
Ramon Ramos
Paul Schwiep
Lee Swerdlin
Jeffrey Wander
John West brook

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Paul Chance, MPO
Anthony Fouche, MPO
Oscar Camejo, MPO
Clinton Forbes, MDT
Seraphin Bernard, MDT
Lilia Medina, City of Miami
Bob Cone, HDR/City
Patrice Rosemond. OCITT
Moss Miles, CITT
Harvey Bernstein, MDPWD

Mike Robinson, A.R.T
Somah Brighthaupt, High School Citizens
Ronniel Hebbert, High School Citizens
Ian Osur, Citizens
Erigene Belony, Citizens
Jack Hart, Citizens
John Laffroy, Parsons Brinckerhoff

Mr. Mike Hatcher, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Naomi Wright moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Martin Nash. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Martin Nash moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Jeffery Wander. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS

No new members

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen, Ian Osur, had two concerns: the bridge between 97th Avenue and 152 Street, and the street widening of 97th Avenue from Kendall Drive to SW 152nd Avenue. Mr. Osur is concerned that the bridge will bring more traffic into the neighborhood and disrupt the family life the community has established. According to him, no study has been done in support for the this 97th Avenue expansion. Mr. Osur is looking for some type of assistance or direction on stopping this construction from disrupting the neighborhood he resides in.

Ronniel Herbbert and Somali Brighthaupt are members of “Close Up” at Booker T. Washington High School. They suggested that school flashers be installed on NW 7th Avenue by the Culmer Center and in front of Fredrick Douglas Elementary School. The two young men were given praise by several CTAC members for being young activist for their community. The Chair will also send a letter to their school crediting them for community hours.

Citizen, Michael Robinson, commented on the CTAC Working List and gave his thoughts on what he thought was important.

CITT Vice Chair, Miles Moss, updated the members on the proposed amendment that the Mayor Vetoed. Mr. Moss stated the item will go back to the Board of County Commissioners for reconsideration and will take a 2/3 vote to override the Mayor’s Veto. There is another proposed amendment that concerns the CITT involving the Public Works Department (PWD) and their “Maintenance of Effort” agreement that would allow them the same funding PWD had before the tax. The proposal recommends to have the “Municipal Maintenance of Effort” have a 5% cap for administrative costs. This is something that will be discussed at the next CITT as a recommendation to the BCC. The CITT also has a subcommittee that will discuss road construction and how it impacts small businesses. Mr. Moss recommended that any CTAC member that has an interest in this topic please participate.

V. ACTION ITEM

A. DRAFT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MULTI-AGENCY SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE’S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CONDUCT A BEFORE AND AFTER STUDY OF TWENTY SCHOOLS THAT ARE SLATED FOR THE

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Norman Wartman moved for the approval of the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Emma Pringle. Upon being put to a vote, the Resolution passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATION

A. FY 2006 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Oscar Camejo, MPO UPWP Project Manager, updated the Committee on the UPWP's Executive Summary. He informed the committee two proposals were award for funding out of 18 proposals suggested:

1. Arterial Grid Network Analysis will look at all of the section and half section roadways to determine how they can be improved. The cost of the project will be \$80,000.
2. Visioning the Future will look at recent studies that were completed and future planning studies that can be done as a result. The review will combine the two studies and come up with a complete plan. The cost of the project will be \$60,000.

Mr. Camejo will be back during the April Subcommittee meeting for CTAC's approval on the UPWP.

B. MIAMI STREETCAR PROJECT STATUS UPDATE AND PRESENTATION

Lilia I. Medina, City of Miami Project Manager/Assistant Transportation Coordinator, and Bob Cone, HDR Engineering, Inc., gave a presentation concerning the City of Miami Streetcar project. They discussed the following key factors for the project:

- Why consider streetcars in Miami? Because they worked in the past.
- Key Study Tasks
- Evaluating the transportation impacts –ridership, access, etc
- Recommended alignment
- Major drivers in alignment and phasing
- Public facilities and attractions
- Connection to other modes of transportation
- Share the road – parking -- Stations/stops
- Maintenance facility/Potential stops
- Potential Funding Source
- Key steps to implementation
- Potential corridor extension
- Stakeholder coordination
- Project contacts/Next Steps
- Miami Streetcar Feasibility Study
- Why consider streets cars in Miami
- Evaluating the transportation impacts – ridership, access, etc

- Recommended alignment
- Major drivers in alignment and phasing

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

After the presentation there was a question and answer period between CTAC members and the presenters. After the discussion, Mr. Hatcher assigned Mac Glasgow to bring in a complete report on why street cars disappeared in South Florida at the next Transit Committee Meeting.

B. CTAC ANNUAL REPORT AND WORKING LIST PRIORITIZATION

CTAC Secretariat, Elizabeth Rockwell, distributed the 2004 CTAC Report containing all the CTAC activities for that year. Ms. Rockwell also compiled a working list which contained requested items by members to be placed on the agenda throughout the year. Members were asked to prioritize the list and turn it in to staff at the end of the meeting.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

The Chair made adjustments to his subcommittee Chairs and Vice-Chairs. The changes were as follows:

- **Legislative Subcommittee** - Lee Swerdlin was named Chair
- **Transit Subcommittee** - Kenneth Carsto was named Chair and John Westbrook was named Vice-Chair

Mr. Hatcher updated the Committee on the upcoming March 23rd TIP/LRTP Interactive Meeting. He encouraged all committee members to be present and citizens that were watching to fax, telephone, or email their suggestions during the meeting.

Staff is still in the process of scheduling the regional meeting with CTAC and other citizen groups in Broward County and West Palm Beach. The meeting location will be in Broward County and details will be forthcoming.

The Chair informed the Committee that the Commission Chambers will not be available July 24th or August 27th. He asked for suggestions for meeting places and for them to be turned in to staff.

IX. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

None.

X. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

Mac Glasgow reported that Tri-Rail is working on getting Phase V completed. Phase V is a double track project that will speed up service for customers. Mr. Glasgow also suggested that we have the regional citizens' meeting at the Tri-Rail Administrative offices in Pompano. This will allow everyone to use public transportation to get there.

William Gardner went to the C.D.T.I.C. and they are very pleased with the MPO's Five-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

XI. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST

Lee Swerdlin would like to take a look at the "Fee System" being used in the urban area by charging people that want to drive and promote people using public transportation.

Norman Wartman would like to get a report on funding public/private partnerships to increase transportation use.

Andrew Burgess would like an update on the FDOT soft shoulder study for public transportation use only.

Frank Hernandez requested the following:

- Port of Miami update
- Update on the Miami River bridge construction projects
- Update on the Miami Airport and when will construction be done
- Miami Airport update on hiring a new Director
- Health and safety issues (homeless and vandalism)

Mac Glasgow wants to know how the City of Miami's new Streetcar project will impact air quality.

Daniel Fils-Aime wants to know what the policy is on freight trains operating during rush hour.

Joseph Corradino wanted to know if the City of Miami (Street Car) is being consistent with the L.R.T.P. and T.I.P. Is there a MPO representative on that Miami Street Car Steering Committee?

Ramon Ramos wants to know if the City of Miami Streetcar will be competing for MDT dollars.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

*****MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM*****

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